

## Butte

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Dr. Kerby very justly finds that Individualism predominates the age and has given birth to Socialism and its concomitant anti-Christian tendencies, not because it was the natural evolution of Individualism to finally overcome the influence of the Church, but because "the Christian order and Christian forces are greatly weakened"—because man's susceptibility to Christianizing influences has not kept pace with his desire for material progress. In support of his contention the doctor adduces the following results of his experience and observation. He finds that "the spiritual sense is becoming dull;" that men in their good actions, or beneficent measures, are influenced by no considerations of a "soul," that mind is recognized everywhere to the total exclusion of emotions or impulses arising from the soul. Again, he sees that he sense of sin is becoming dull; that conscience only exists in remnant form; that there are no sins of omission, but of commission only, and that these are fewer. He finds in society an increasing tendency to choose the line of least resistance; he sees that there is little regard for self-discipline, self-denial, penance; that indifference and neglect overwhelm us on all hands. The sense of personal responsibility he also finds a diminishing quantity, individualism having developed wonderfully strong men, but produced many weak ones; that men throw the blame on "environment," crying out that circumstances have shaped them. Finally, he is conscious of a dulling of the sense of duty—one social class believing in its own rights and in the duties of the other classes. The absence of these five spiritual senses, which are the

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